

Amendments To The Claims:

Claims 1-20 (Canceled)

Claim 21 (Original): A method of laying no adhesive cushion backed carpet tile on to a surface, comprising the steps of:

- a) reversibly securing at least one indicator carpet tile to said surface with a securing device or means;
- b) placing a second carpet tile on said surface wherein said second carpet tile and said indicator carpet tile abut;
- c) placing a third carpet tile on said surface wherein said third carpet tile abuts at least one of said indicator carpet tile and said second carpet tile;
- d) placing at least one subsequent carpet tile on said surface wherein said subsequent carpet tile abuts at least one of said indicator carpet tile, said second carpet tile and said third carpet tile;
- e) removing said indicator carpet tile and removing said securing device or means; and
- f) replacing said indicator tile or a carpet tile in a location vacated by said indicator carpet tile.

Claim 22 (Original): The method of laying no adhesive cushion backed carpet tile of claim 21 wherein said third carpet tile abuts said second carpet tile.

Claim 23 (Currently Amended): The method of laying ~~low~~ no adhesive cushion backed carpet tile of claim 21 wherein said third carpet tile abuts said indicator tile.

Claim 24 (Currently Amended): The method of laying ~~low~~ no adhesive cushion backed carpet tile of claim 21 wherein said subsequent carpet tile abuts said indicator tile.

Claim 25 (Currently Amended): The method of laying ~~low~~ no adhesive cushion backed carpet tile of claim 21 wherein said subsequent carpet tile abuts said second carpet tile.

Claim 26 (Currently Amended): The method of laying ~~low~~ no adhesive cushion backed carpet tile of claim 21 wherein said subsequent carpet tile abuts said third carpet tile.

Claim 27 (Currently Amended): The method of laying ~~low~~ no adhesive cushion backed carpet tile of claim 21 wherein said subsequent carpet tile abuts said indicator carpet tile and said third carpet tile.

Claim 28 (Currently Amended): The method of laying ~~low~~ no adhesive cushion backed carpet tile of claim 21 wherein said indicator tile is placed in substantially the center of the surface.

Claim 29 (Currently Amended): The method of laying ~~low~~ no adhesive cushion backed carpet tile of claim 21 further comprising the step of repeating said step of placing additional subsequent carpet tile until said surface is substantially covered.

Claim 30 (Original): The method of laying no adhesive cushion backed carpet tile of claim 21 wherein each of said cushion backed carpet tile has a cup of about 3/16" or less and a curl of about 1/16" or less.

Claim 31 (Currently Amended): The method of laying ~~low~~ no adhesive cushion backed carpet tile of claim 21 further comprising the step of treating said surface to enhance the coefficient of friction thereof.

Claim 32 (Original): A method of reversibly laying cushion backed carpet tile on a surface, comprising the steps of:

- a) increasing the coefficient of friction of said surface;
- b) laying an indicator carpet tile on said surface;
- c) placing a second carpet tile on said surface wherein said second carpet tile and said indicator carpet tile abut;
- d) placing a third carpet tile on said surface wherein said third carpet tile abuts at least one of a group consisting of said indicator carpet tile and said second carpet tile; and
- e) placing at least one subsequent carpet tile on said surface wherein said subsequent carpet tile abuts at least one of said indicator carpet tile, said second carpet tile and said third carpet tile.

Claims 33-72 (Canceled)

Claim 73 (Currently Amended): A flooring system for installation on a floor, comprising:
an element;
a carpet tile adapted for adhesive free installation over the element and having corners ~~with each corner having manufactured to have~~ a cup of about 3/16" or less and a curl of about 1/16" or less prior to installation.

Claim 74 (Original): The flooring system of claim 73 wherein said carpet tile comprises an upper textile surface with yarn protruding from a topside thereof; and a polyurethane cushion attached to a bottom side of said upper textile surface.

Claim 75 (Currently Amended): The flooring system of claim 73, wherein said element is at least one of a sensor, electrical wire, cable or connection, plumbing, telephone line or connection, computer cable or connection, computer network cable or connection, other wire or cable, conduit, access panel, or safe, or the like.

Claim 76 (Currently Amended): The flooring system as recited in claim 73, wherein the item is a sensor for monitoring at least one of heat, humidity, pedestrian traffic, pressure, or temperature, or the like.

Claim 77 (Currently Amended): The flooring system as recited in claim 73, wherein said floor is raised flooring which provides access to at least one of electrical, plumbing, telephone, computer, network, or internet cables, wires, or conduits, or the like.

Claim 78 (Canceled)

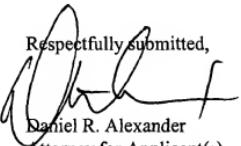
CONCLUSION:

To any extent that the Examiner may have questions regarding the above claims, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney in the hope that any such question may be promptly addressed.

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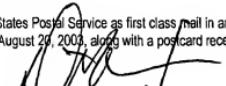
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